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# DECLARATION

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Sir:

I Dr. M. Volkan Kisakürek, hereby declare and say as follows:

I am editor in chief of Verlag Helvetica Chimica Acta AG, Hofwiesenstrasse 26, CH-8042 Zürich, Switzerland.

The article "Double-Bond Shifts in [4n]Annulenes as a New Principle for Molecular Switches: First Results with Dimethyl Heptalene-1,2- and -4,5-dicarboxylates" by Anne Andrée Sophie Briquet, Peter Uebelhart and Hans-Jürgen Hansen was published in HELVETICA CHIMICA ACTA, vol. 79 (1996). The corresponding issue (vol.79 (1996) 2282-2315) of HELVETICA CHIMICA ACTA was delivered to the subscribers on December 11, 1996.

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Signed this 4. day of December, 2001

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